

**REMARKS**

The specification has been amended to correct the priority information and to amend the claims

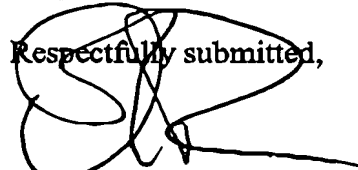
The claims have been amended without prejudice or disclaimer to manage the claims fees. Claims 3-9, 12, 15-16, 18-21, 23, 26-27 have been amended. Claims 1-28 are pending. Applicants retain the right pursue the subject matter as originally claimed in future applications.

The filing fee has been calculated after amendment of the claims by the preliminary amendment. No new matter is added by entry of this preliminary amendment.

The Commissioner is authorized to deduct the required fees for this filing from Fulbright & Jaworski Deposit Account No. 50-1212/VOSS:007US.

The Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned attorney with any questions, comments or suggestions relating to the referenced patent application.

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